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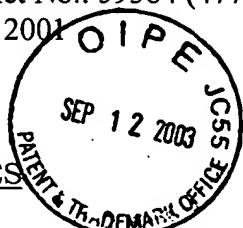
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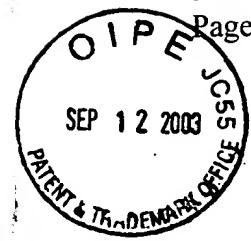
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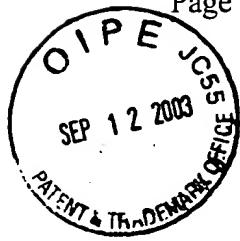
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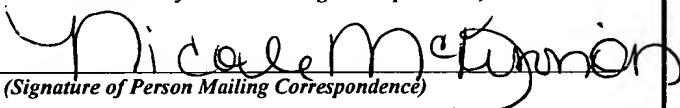
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REASONS

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NOTE

(See Cited document List)

(Claims 1-20)

Cited reference 1 discloses a network system in which a server assigns a VLAN.

It is common technical knowledge that a LAN is constructed in a building (if necessary, see Cited reference 2), and whether an approach to a building is allowed only to a person related to the building is only the matter of designs which is decided by those skilled in the art. Thus, technical difficulty is not recognized.

In addition, it is well-known as shown in Cited reference 3 to establish a DHCP server and an authentication server in a VLAN network.

Because the VLAN is composed in any configuration irrespective of a physical configuration, an area of the VLAN may be defined in a desired area by those skilled in the art. Thus, technical difficulty is not recognized.

A point of charge as in Cited reference 4, the management of an entering or leaving room of fig. 4 as in Cited reference 5, or detection of a fire by providing a sensor as in Cited reference 6 is the technology that is usually performed in a LAN, and ingenuities by these adoptions are not recognized.

The present invention is only the matter which gathered together the technology performed in the VLAN of Cited reference 1, and thus it is admitted that a person skilled in the art can easily take place.

If any further reasons for refusal are found later, they will be notified.